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DR. HOLMES TAKES PLANNING POST

NEW YORK -- Edward A. Holmes, Ph.D., has been appointed World Mission Project Planning Officer on the Episcopal Church Center staff by the Rt. Rev. John M. Allin, Presiding Bishop. Dr. Holmes will take office July 1.

He will be a member of the World Mission in Church and Society section of the staff. He will work in overseas development with relation to the evaluation and completion of the Church's renewal/fund raising Venture in Mission projects. In addition, he will be in direct relation with overseas dioceses, provinces and churches and with United States and other governments and agencies in planning development programs and projects and in their funding and management.

Dr. Holmes' previous assignment was director of the Rural Development Institute which he established in 1977 at the Episcopal Church-related Cuttington University College in Suacoco, Liberia. He had served from 1974 to 1977 as dean of academic affairs at the college.

Before his assignment at Cuttington, Dr. Holmes had served in the Peace Corps as an associate director in Nigeria, as southern regional director in Atlanta, and director of interim programs in Washington.

From 1966 to 1970 he had been assistant dean of Emory College of Emory University in Atlanta, and from 1956 to 1965 he had taught church history and philosophy at Stetson University in De Land, Fla.

Born in Sandersville, Ga., in 1925, Dr. Holmes received his B.A. degree from Mercer University, Macon, Ga., in 1948 following service as a naval aviator during World War II.

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After completing two years at Andover-Newton Theological School, he earned his divinity degree from Emory University's Candler School of Theology in 1952 and was ordained a Baptist minister. In 1963, following several parish assignments, he received his Ph.D. degree in philosophy of history from Emory University.

From 1952 to 1974 he was in the Chaplain Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve.

In addition to directing the Rural Development Institute in Liberia, Dr. Holmes has directed two church building programs and established a child care system and a private school in Atlanta. He was responsible for the development of skill programs in agriculture, education and vocational training for the Peace Corps in universities in the United States and overseas.

He is married to Shirley Miller Holmes and they have a family of eleven children and grandchildren. Mrs. Holmes has been a professor of English in several colleges in the U.S. and Africa.

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